

REVENGE FOR WYCOMBE OVER GUILDFORD

Horseman (2) And Merrick Goals

Rescue Wanderers

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Wycombe Wanderers 3, Guildford City 2

WYCOMBE WANDERERS avenged their F.A. Cup (third round replay) defeat at the hands of Guildford last winter on Tuesday night when they pulled out all the stops in the second half, pulled back a two-goal deficit, and went on to beat the Southern League professionals.

This was a pre-season friendly in which neither side gave—nor asked for—any quarter. Len Worley had a rough time on the right flank against the aggressive Anthony, while Wycombe's rugged Roystone looked after the dangerous ex-Fulham player Vafiadis in similar fashion.

Apart from sporadic raids, Wanderers were outplayed in the first half, and Guildford fully deserved their one-goal interval lead.

It came in the 22nd minute when former Wimbledon centre-forward Brown nodded home a Knight cross.

And it looked all over for Wanderers when Brown netted his second nine minutes after the interval.

But three minutes later Les Merrick headed a fine goal from a hastily conceded Bates corner. This goal brought back the sparkle into the Wycombe attack, and four minutes later the ever-challenging Horseman almost barged through to equalise, only to be foiled by a second diving attempt by Vasper.

FINE GOAL

Wanderers stretched the once so solid Guildford defence for long periods, and in the 68th minute Horseman's efforts were rewarded when he scored a fine

goal after a free-kick on the right. The inside-forward gathered the ball, took it almost to the bye-line and shot home from an acute angle.

His second goal — Wycombe's winner — 14 minutes later was similar, this time coming from a long Bates pass on the right.

Hector Wells, standing in for Maskell in goal, made some fine saves to the Guildford sharp-shooting forwards, and up front Keith Samuels put in a great amount of work, always ready to shoot, and always ready to drop back to help out the defence.

This win will certainly boost Wycombe's morale for their first league clash tomorrow afternoon when they meet Clapton at Loakes Park.

New full-back Howard Jones from Epsom was tried out at left-back but, as yet, I can't see him challenging either Beck or Roystone for their first team spots.

Wycombe Wanderers: Wells; Beck, Jones; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Guildford: Vasper; Watts, Anthony; More, Bishop, Church (Massey); Knight (Chadd), Gregory, Brown, Burge, Vafiadis.